

A Marked-up Copy of the Substitute Specification and Abstract is also submitted, showing, with strikethrough, the material deleted from the original specification and abstract in the last two pages thereof.

IN THE DRAWINGS

Please substitute the informal drawings with the formal drawings which are being provided herewith. A Letter to Official Draftsperson is being submitted concurrently for consideration by the Official Draftsperson and an additional copy of the formal drawings are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being submitted concurrently with the original filing of the above referenced patent application and thus constitutes part of the original disclosure.

The formal drawings and substitute specification, which incorporates minor grammatical changes, were prepared subsequent to execution of the inventor's declaration and thus are being provided by way of this preliminary amendment.

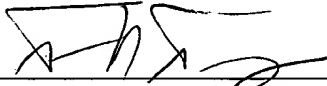
CONCLUSION

This Amendment does not increase the number of independent claims, does not increase the total number of claims, and does not present any multiple dependency claims. Accordingly, no fee based on the number or type

of claims is currently due. However, if a fee, other than the issue fee, is due, please charge this fee to Sidley & Austin Deposit Account No. 18-1260.

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